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Applicants : John F. Stevens et al.
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For : **RETICULATION-FREE WATER-DISPERSIBLE COATING
COMPOSITION FOR FOOD SUBSTRATES**

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Also submitted with this Response is the Declaration of John F. Stevens with Exhibits 1-2, a Request for Continued Examination, and a Petition and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.